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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Child Care Providers

**FROM:** Office of Child and Family Services

**DATE:** September 21, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Child Care Provider American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) Stabilization Grants  
Language Interpretive Services

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Congress approved the Child Care Stabilization Grants appropriated in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) (Public Law 117-2) signed into law on March 11, 2021. The nationwide funding includes \$23.975 billion in additional funding for the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG). The funds will be used to provide grants to child care providers to assist in stabilizing child care across the nation. Maine received \$73 million in Child Care Stabilization Grant funding which has been obligated in its entirety towards direct grant payments. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) will distribute the grants to child care providers to help stabilize and support child care in Maine.

On August 31, 2021, OCFS posted the Child Care Provider American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Stabilization Grants memo outlining the details of the grant application process. The [ARPA Child Care Stabilization Grant Memo and Webinar 08312021.pdf \(maine.gov\)](#) includes a link to a taped webinar containing guidance and detailed instructions for how to complete the application. Also, the webinar's PowerPoint slides.

Providers needing interpreter services should contact Diane Nicholson at [Diane.Nicholson@maine.gov](mailto:Diane.Nicholson@maine.gov) or (207) 624 7996

**The grant application may be found here:** <https://appengine.egov.com/apps/me/dhhs/arpagrant>

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